

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended the title as requested by the Examiner.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of dependent claims 6, 9-12, 18, 22, and 25.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The Examiner further rejects claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 6,826,716 in view of U.S. 7,127,641.

Applicant has amended the claims to incorporate allowable subject matter.

Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to include allowable dependent claim 9 and intervening dependent claim 8 while independent claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 18 and intervening dependent claims 14-15 and 17.

Accordingly, the claims, as amended, are allowable.

Applicant has added new claims 27-33. New independent claim 28 is a combination of original independent claim 1, allowable dependent claim 6 and intervening dependent claims 2-3 and 5. New independent claim 30 is a combination of original independent claim 13, allowable dependent claim 22, and intervening dependent claims 20-21.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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